



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
WILMINGTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS

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IN REPLY REFER TO

Environmental Resources Section

Dear Sir or Madam:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District, the North Carolina Division of Water Resources, North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are planning to identify obstructions to aquatic resources within the major river basins in North Carolina. These obstructions could be small low-head dams or other manmade in-stream structures.

The North Carolina Division of Land Resources maintains a North Carolina Dam Database (dated September 2006). Within this Excel database, there were approximately 5,291 known dams within the state. This database only includes dams that the State regulates: dams that are **either** 15-feet or higher (measured from the lowest toe of the dam to its highest point) **or** impound 10 acre-feet or greater. The purpose of this scoping letter is to request your help in identifying the smaller low-head dams or similar obstructions that are not regulated or listed within the State's Dam database. Once these structures have been identified, they would be ranked for possible future removal. Future removal is subject to the availability of funding and receiving all environmental authorizations (i.e., Section 404 permits from Regulatory, Cultural Resource Coordination, possible testing of impounded sediment for hazardous and toxic material, National Environmental Policy Act or State Environmental Policy Act requirements, etc.).

Enclosed is a copy of known dams by county for your area of interest. If you know of any obstructions not identified on the North Carolina Dam Database, we would appreciate their general location. The State Road number and stream name or a marked county road map would be helpful, but latitude and longitude coordinates of the obstruction would be ideal. Future field trips to these locations may occur and if you are available we could coordinate these site visits with you.

In addition, all private interests and federal, state, and local agencies that have an interest in this project are invited to comment at this time. Please notify us if there are any concerns and issues that should be addressed or considered by the Corps during project planning.

Please provide any information or comments you may have within 30 days from the date of this letter. If you need additional time or have any questions about the proposed action, please contact Mr. Hugh Heine at (910) 251-4070 or email address [hugh.heine@saw02.usace.army.mil](mailto:hugh.heine@saw02.usace.army.mil).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure